

# **Paul Lawrence named as new council Chief Executive**

**The City of Edinburgh Council is to have a new Chief Executive if the appointment is ratified at the council meeting on Thursday. Paul Lawrence who is currently Executive Director of Place, has been recommended for appointment.**

Following a competitive selection process, overseen by a cross-party panel of senior councillors, a final decision will be taken on the on Thursday.

If the panel's recommendation is approved, Mr Lawrence is expected to start as Chief Executive on 17 June.



Council Leader Cammy Day said: "I'm delighted that following a rigorous recruitment

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“We had an extremely high calibre of candidates from across the UK, which is testament to the Council’s – and the city’s – reputation. Subject to councillors’ approval on Thursday, I look forward to welcoming Paul into his new role.”

Current Chief Executive, Andrew Kerr, will retire on 14 June, following nine years with the Council, and 42 years of public service.

Paul has been the Council’s Executive Director of Place since 2015, and his responsibilities including planning, housing, transport, regulatory services and environment, as well as economic development and culture.